Irregular and inadequate supply of L.P.G. in Orissa

1535. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the irregular and inadequate supply of cooking gas in most of the towns of Orissa presently causing great hardship to the customers;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor, and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to ensure regular cooking gas supplies by the various companies in Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) to (c) A backlog in supply of refills developed in Orissa in the past two months on account of reduced bottling at the Haldia Plant, seasonal increase in demand and labour problems with some distributors. The endeavour of the oil companies is to augment, to the extent feasible, supplies to locations where a backlog has developed.

Subsidies for industrial growth in backward regions

1536. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR:

SHRI BANDHU MAHTO:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the outcomes of the scheme of subsidies for industrial growth in the backward regions; and

(b) the scope for a better and more integrated policy and schemes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The package of incentives offered by Government for attracting industrial units to backward areas are showing fairly good results as would be evident from the following numbers of Letters of Intent (LOI), Industrial Licences (IL) & D.G.T.D. Registrations (D.G.T.D. REGNS.) granted and reimbursements made under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme during the last 3 years:—

Years	LOI	IL	DGTD REGNS.
1984 . .	627	323	1144
1985 . .	774	427	1140
1986 . .	621	278	610

Reimbursements under the Central Investment Subsidy Scheme

(Rs. in Crores)

Years	Amount
1984-85	82 03
1985-86	101 27
1986-87	125 12

(b) An Inter-Ministerial Committee had been set up to review & revise the Central Incentive Schemes for industrial development & dispersal of industries to backward areas. The Committee has since submitted its Report which is under the consideration of the Government.

Power cut in Orissa

1537. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state whether the generation and supply of power in Orissa is not adequate for the needs of the State so much so that in respect of certain power intensive units like Jayashree Chemicals the power cut for the past three years has been as high as 75 per cent of their requirement; if so,

what are the reasons and details of such power cuts and what steps are contemplated to augment power supply in general and to such industries in particular?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): Orissa has been facing power shortage for the last three years mainly on account of demand outstripping the availability and poor performance of Talcher Thermal Power Station. To match demand and availability, Orissa has been imposing power cut of varying degrees on different consumers. The power cuts in Orissa during the last three years are given in the Statement. (*See* below). The supply of power to different categories of consumers is decided by the State authorities.

During the balance period of the Seventh Plan, an additional generating capacity of about 383 MW is targetted for commissioning in Orissa under the State sector. In addition, the Planning Commission have approved 'in-principle', the feasibility of the proposed Ib-Valley Thermal Power station (840 MW) in the State sector subject to financial provision being made by the State Government, in the State Plan. It is also proposed to set up a super thermal power station at Talcher in the Central Sector with an initial capacity of 1000 MW subject to tying up of various inputs including funds.

The Centrally sponsored Renovation and Modernisation Programme is also being implemented at Talcher Thermal Power Station to improve its performance. To the extent possible, assistance is also provided to Orissa from the neighbouring systems.

Statement

Power cuts in Orissa is imposed in terms of restricted allocation of power to the industries for a water year commencing from July.

Details of power cuts imposed in Orissa during the last three years (water year) is given below:—

1984-85	July 1984—June 1985		
	July 1984	January 85	55% cut on heavy and power intensive industries
	Feb. 1985	June, 1985	75% cut on heavy and power intensive industries
1985-86	July 1985	June 1986	
	July, 1985	June, 1986	75% cut on heavy and power intensive industries
1986-87	July 1986-June, 1987		
	July, 1986	October, 1986	75% cut on heavy and power intensive industries.
	November. 1986	Cont.	75% cut on heavy and power intensive industries
			50% cut on large industries

The industries are however permitted to meet additional requirement from power purchased by Orissa State Electricity Board from neighbouring systems at a higher cost depending upon availability of power.